

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
NORTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

PLAINTIFF

**ARIENNE JONES, DERIC JONES,
HERSCHEL WILLIAMS, and
TANSHENETTA ROBISKIE,**

PLAINTIFF-INTERVENORS

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO.: 3:20-cv-00729-CWR-LGI

**SSM PROPERTIES, LLC, STEPHEN MAULDING, SR.,
JAMES ROE, and SHEILA MAULDING,**

DEFENDANTS

**JOINT STATUS REPORT ON OWNER DEFENDANTS’
RETENTION OF AN INDEPENDENT LEASING MANAGER**

Pursuant to Paragraph 15 of the Consent Decree entered in this case (ECF No. 145), Plaintiff, the United States of America, Plaintiff-Intervenors Arienne Jones, Deric Jones, Herschel Williams, and Tanshenetta Robiskie, and Defendants SSM Properties, Inc., Stephen Maulding, and Sheila Maulding (collectively, the “Owner Defendants”) hereby submit the following joint report to the Court concerning the Owner Defendants’ hiring of an Independent Leasing Manager for the subject properties. *See* Consent Decree ¶ 2.

The Owner Defendants hereby confirm that they have hired and retained Wayne Edwards as their Independent Leasing Manager as required by Paragraph 13 of the Consent Decree. The United States and Plaintiff-Intervenors have approved the selection of Mr. Edwards as the Independent Leasing Manager pursuant to Paragraph 14 of the Consent Decree.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 31, 2023, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which sent notification of such filing to all counsel of record and I hereby certify that I have caused to be mailed by email and Fed Ex the document to the following defendant at the address listed below:

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